

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Kenichi HIGASHIYAMA et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 9446
Application No.: 10/591,316	)	Group Art Unit: 1651
Filed: June 27, 2007	)	Examiner: Sheridan R. Macauley
For: A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING	)	
ASTAXANTHIN-CONTAINING LIPIDS	)	

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the FINAL Office Action mailed August 19, 2009, the Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following remarks in the above-identified application. A Petition for a THREE-month extension of time, extending the period of response until February 19, 2010, is attached hereto along with the requisite fee.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.

**Appendix I** is attached.